



Flames get record play on Sportsnet

46 Rogers Sportsnet West announced its commitment to Calgary Flames broadcasts yesterday, boasting a network-record 46 contests on the tube this season.

The Sportsnet West regular season Flames schedule will open with a Battle of Alberta contest on Oct. 17, and include games against the Canucks, Canadiens (with Alex Tanguay), the Stanley Cup Champion Detroit Red Wings and the Toronto Maple

Roger Millions will host Telus Flames Hockey, but Peter Loubardias will take over the play-by-play call for

the network.

The commitment by Rogers Sportsnet is one of the highest Flames broadcast totals by a single network since Channel 2&7 (now Global Calgary) broadcast games in the 1980s.

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From left, Sgt. Shawn Eades, Cpl. Dustin Wasden and Sapper Stephan Stock, all based in Edmonton, were killed on Wednesday in Afghanistan after their armoured vehicle was blasted by a roadside bomb.

Alberta base mourns three more soldiers

News of deaths comes as Master Cpl. Doyle laid to rest

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Flags continue to fly at half staff at the Edmonton Garrison today as soldiers mourn comrades killed in Afghanistan on the same day as they said goodbye to another fallen soldier.

The three soldiers were killed yesterday, and another seriously injured, as a massive roadside bomb blasted their armoured vehicle while on patrol in Afghanistan's Zharey District

The three soldiers were combat engineers with 12 Field Squadron, 1 Combat Regiment from Edmonton. While serving in Afghanistan, they were part of the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group.

A husband and father of two young daughters, Sgt. Shawn Allen Eades, 33, was



Soldiers carry the casket of Edmonton-based soldier Master Cpl. Erin Doyle yesterday. He was laid to rest in Legal, Atla.

one of the three who died yesterday.

"My husband was a proud and dedicated soldier. He was a strong leader who was highly respected by those around him," said Eades's wife, Lisa Schamehorn, in a written statement. "He died doing what he loved — being a soldier."

The other two fallen soldiers are Cpl. Dustin Roy Robert Joseph Wasden and Sapper Stephan John Stock. Eades, who joined the military when he was 18, was on his third mission in Afghanistan and firmly believed in his mission and knew he was making a difference for the Afghan people, said Schamehorn.

The commander of the Canadian forces in Afghanistan said the attack was part of a more aggressive pattern by the Taliban this year.

"I don't know that the Taliban are getting stronger.

What I'd say is they're much more aggressive this fighting season than they've been in the past," said Brig. Gen. Denis Thompson in Afghanistan. "The difference is they're not holding any of the ground they're attacking us on."

Ninety-three Canadian soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan, and the four most recent deaths were all from the Edmonton Garrison, including Master Cpl. Erin Doyle who was laid to rest yesterday at a full military service in Legal, 50 kilometres north of Edmonton.

"This is a heartbreaker, I heard about this as soon as I was getting ready to go to the church," said Ollie Weeks, a former airborne soldier and one of 300 people who attended the service in Legal. With files from Reuters

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City gangs near top in violence, expert says

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STUDY A Calgary criminologist believes the escalation of violence between the city gangs is higher here than most major cities.

Dr. Kelly Sundberg, a Mount Royal College justice studies professor, conducted a recent study comparing the city's anti-gang initiatives with that of Charlotte, North Carolina.

"They have a lot more gangs and members there, but in Calgary, the level of violence is higher," he said. "I can definitely say Calgary's level of gang violence is higher than most other major cities."

Sundberg says Charlotte has over 1,800 gang members from about 150 gangs, but in 2007 only had four gang-related deaths.

In comparison, Calgary has about eight gangs with up to 400 members, according to city police. Last year there were three gang-related murders and this year there has already been three. But between 2005 and 2007 alone there were a total of 14, according to Sundberg.

"I think the escalating level of violence is a concern, but I also think they are isolated incidents and the police are doing the best they can with the resources they have."

Victim named

 Police identified the city's 24th homicide victim as 19year-old Robert Jones, shot outside his Saddleridge home Wednesday morning.
 Police believe there are gang or drug connections.





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Walk to raise funds for AIDS research ast night. The goal of the walk is to raise funds in

AIDS Calgary kicked off their 2008 Scotiabank Walk for Life last night. The goal of the walk is to raise funds in support of the education, outreach, prevention and support initiatives for AIDS Calgary. METRO CALGARY

Local



Cruising for Cancer

Whatever Saturday's forecast, it's going to be a cool day. The stretch of road between McMahon Stadium and Cochrane will be clogged with 1,400 sweet rides as the second annual Cool Cars Cruising for Cancer hits the streets. The ride revs up at McMahon at 10 a.m., passes through Cochrane's Sawmills Family Sports Centre and ends back at the stadium around 1 p.m.

Morning standoff nets four arrests

HOSTAGES Residents at a northeast apartment complex got a rude awakening yesterday morning when four people were arrested after a two-hour standoff with police.

City cops evacuated residents from the Applewood Village townhouses on Marlborough Drive NE when they answered a call that two people were being held hostage.

District 4 Insp. Ray Robitaille told Metro the tactical and negotiation teams helped bring the four suspects — three adult males and an underage female — into custody.

"One of the suspects did try to flee the building, but was caught shortly after," he said.

City News captured one suspect on video, running from police, with the K-9 Unit chasing the suspect until he was cornered in a large garbage bin and taken into custody.

"I wouldn't say it's a drug deal gone bad. It's people who have gotten involved in the drug trade and violence have been perpetuated on them as a result of their involvement," Robitaille said, adding the victims and suspects were known to each other.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY





Stefanie Herrel, 23, relaxes at Devonian Gardens while on a break from her day to get some reading done. The gardens will be closed for 18 months starting on August 30 as renovations are being done.

18-month hiatus for Devonian Gardens

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Calgarians will one day read all about Mark Flynn's noon-hour exploits.

Flynn's been a regular Devonian Gardens lunch patron over the years, taking in the zen-like surroundings up to three times a week to clear his head.

Makes him more produc-

tive in the oil and gas industry overall, he said.

It's given him a creative outlet and the setting for a novel he's been working on and while he's got no contingency plans in place for what he'll do for lunch as of Aug. 30 when the gardens shut down for 18 months, he thinks it'll be for the best.

"I've heard what they're planning on doing and I'm all for it," Flynn says.

In the works for at least

"We hope it will be a better place when we're done."

Kyle Ripley

two years, the Devonian Gardens will shed its dated look with the addition of a skylight and the opening of the floor plate to allow sunlight to hit the mall's interior and improved access.

"It's a great oasis downtown and we hope it will be a better place when we're done," said Calgary's manager of planning and development Kyle Ripley, adding all the fish and turtles currently housed at the 31-year-old facility will be moved into an existing pool by the outdoor rink, which will be enclosed in the first phase of the project.

People can say goodbye from Aug. 25 to 29 with a celebration featuring jugglers and magicians.

Man attacked with toilet tank lid

LIFE-THREATENING A man is clinging to life in hospital after he was beaten with the lid of a toilet tank at Cowboys bar early yesterday morning.

Police were called to an altercation at the nightclub around 2 a.m. and found the man in his 20s unconscious with lifethreatening head injuries.

Homicide has taken over the case and Staff Sgt. Kevin Forsen told reporters the quick-thinking actions of the bar staff led them to the suspect right away at a nearby casino.

No charges have been laid yet, but police have the man in custody.

Police are still looking for witnesses.

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Watch reports on the reopening of Banff's main drag and on the billion-dollar redevelopment of the current home of The French Maid, plus a preview of The Core project which will link the malls on Stephen Ave. Read about Montreal Alouettes running back Avon Cobourne's remarkable year in Marty York's CFL Report



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Bomb scare empties downtown building

Parts of Rocky Mountain Plaza downtown office building were evacuated yesterday after a bomb scare. A suspect claimed to have explosives, but when he was detained by police, they didn't find any. METRO CALGARY



Solar panels, like the ones on this southwest Calgary home, may be more prevalent now the city has reduced permit barriers for their

No permits for solar panels

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Solar panels just jumped into bed with fences and satellite dishes.

Odd bunkmates, to be sure, but Calgary's Planning Commission approved the removal of building permits for the addition of solar panels to city homes yesterday, providing potential

sun-harnessers greater certainty in their conventional energy reduction efforts, said city administrator Neil Younger.

Those adding solar panels to their homes, generating 10 kilowatts of power or less, will still require plumbing or electrical permits, ensuring adherence to safety standards and preventing haphazard structure manipulation, and lim-

Calgary campus, located at 2700 3rd Ave. SE.

its were set in place for the angles of panels to regulate the shadow cast on neighbouring properties.

Panels must also be attached to a building or home and can't be put stand-alone in a yard.

While Younger said he didn't want to overstate the potential of solar panels to reduce Calgary's power needs in the short-term, he said work is in the preliminary stages with area home builders for future neighbourhood design around solar panels, reverting back to a grid system with maximized south-facing roof exposure.

"This could be the beginning of a massive shift in this city's design," said commission board member Ron Zazelenchuk.

The move must still be approved by city council.

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Eau Claire projects could top \$1 billion

"We have a terrific

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It's a vote of confidence in Calgary's economic stabili-

Cadillac Fairview senior vice-president Wayne Bar-

wise said Calgary's maturation made it easy for his **project here, it** company to plan roughly responds to the \$1.3 billion in **community's** projects here, needs." including a nearly \$600- Wayne Barwise million office

tower dubbed Calgary City Centre in Eau Claire, which was approved by the city's

terday.

"We have a terrific project here, it responds to the community's needs and

planning commission yes-

I think it will be a significant landmark on the Calgary skyline," he said.

The building is the first phase of a two-pronged approach that will see the redevelopment of a 1.6 million square foot area, stitch-

> ing together three blocks of real-estate via Plus 15s, including the city's first five-star hotel, expected to be unveiled in September.

Cadillac Fairview is also in the midst of work on a \$275 million expansion of the Chinook Centre.

"I think that says a lot about what we believe in the future of Calgary," he

Cirque in the city a hit

SHOW Halfway through its latest Calgary run and thousands of Calgarians are still enjoying Cirque De Soleil Corteo.

Publicist for the show Blair Cosgrove said the show has been a big hit with the city this year and one of the main characters agrees.

"They love it. Standing ovations after each performance and that is a good thing," actor David Figlioli told Metro.

Tickets are still available, and the show runs until Sept. 7 at the Currie Barracks.



Cirque members practising

Sizzling salsa opens Expo

EXPO Rainy skies didn't discourage performers showcasing their talents at yesterday's Expo Latino opening ceremony.

Úsually heľd in Olympic Plaza, salsa dancers and energetic musicians spun their way through jazzy Latin beats indoors to prep themselves for the week-

"This is a celebration of Latin culture, and I really can't imagine a better way

to showcase it," said Kelly Lannan with Salsa Rica Productions and who has been a finalist in several prestigious championships. She will be performing at the festival, which starts tomorrow at Prince's Island Park, and believes this will be the best year yet.

She warns Calgarians they'll regret it if they miss ALICIA FOX/

FOR METRO CALGARY

News in brief

FATALITY The man who died in the fatal collision yesterday in southwest Calgary has been identified as Douglas Wayne Neufeld, 56. The collision occurred in the intersection of Spruce Meadows Way, also known as Highway 22X, and James McKevitt Road. The Ford F150 Neufeld was driving rolled after striking a Hummer crossing the highway.

SENTENCING A former finance manager for a Calgary trucking firm was sentenced to three-and-ahalf years in prison yesterday for stealing over \$2 million from his employer. Darcy Allen Elaschuk, 39, worked at Great west for 14 years and began stealing money in 1999.

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Like Stampede for Sikhs | Calgary teen helps out

ALICIA FOX for Metro Halifa

A tournament for an ancient martial art is coming to Calgary.

Yudh gatka, started by a group of Sikhs 300 years ago, is a sport that pits competitors against each other with swords and daggers – though during the tournament, for safety's sake, competitors use sticks. Held in Toronto for the last several years, the sixth annual 2008 International Yudh Tournament is visiting Calgary.

"To the Sikh community, this is almost equivalent to the Calgary Stampede," said Jasdev Singh, the or"I think it's a really good atmosphere for kids to get involved in, instead of getting involved in drugs and gangs."

Jasdev Singh

ganizer of the tournament.

He said the sport incorporates meditation and promotes being physically fit.

"We do a whole variety of exercises and usually some yoga," he said of the classes.

The tournament this weekend is free to the public and will have food and demonstrations alongside the event.

There will be about 60 competitors, both male and female, from all over the world, including Cana-

da, the United States, England and India. Scoring is determined by where on the body the stick strikes.

Singh there's often a great response to the sport from kids.

"I think it's a really good atmosphere for kids to get involved in instead of getting involved in drugs and gangs," he said, adding they teach that weapons must only be a last resort.

The tournament will be held at 4333 18 St. NE, Sunday from 1 pm to 7 pm.



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Calgary teen helps out at War Amps conference

Confident amputee wanted to share experiences

ALICIA FOX for Metro Halifax

Being born without legs hasn't stopped Nadine Richards from running circles around most kids her age.

The Calgary teen said doctors never found out why she was born an amputee, but counts herself lucky, as far as amputees go.

Richards, 15, was a junior counsellor at the War Amps 2008 Multiple Amputation Seminar in Toronto this weekend, speaking words of encouragement and answering questions for teens, kids and parents.

Richard said she wanted to give something back to an organization that gave her so much.

"My disability doesn't really affect me," she said, adding that she can do almost anything independently.



Nadine Richards was a junior counselor at the 2008 Multiple Amputee Seminar in Toronto.

Richards uses artificial legs, has three fingers on her right hand and is missing her lower left

arm.

"My disability doesn't really affect me."

Nadine Richards

She said that most often, teasing and staring comes from those who don't understand her disability, but she understands that some amputees don't have the confidence she has developed and wanted to help.

Now in Grade 10,

Now in Grade 10, Richards plans to take up performing arts, and hopes to become a vet.

When asked about the challenges that come with a new high school and the veterinary field, she said, "I'm sure I'll find a way."

The War Amps seminars, held every two years, are covered, from hotel to meals to flights for delegates. This year's seminar brought together 45 families from across the country.



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McGill professor honoured by France

McGill University professor Mark Wainberg, a trailblazer in HIV/AIDS research, has been named a chevalier of France's Légion d'honneur. The order, established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, is the highest decoration in France. Chevalier ("knight") is the most common of its five grades.

Canada



Dion defends Green Shift

Sparked by some voters' complaints that they had not heard enough about Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion's Green Shift plan, Dion explained yesterday that he needs the proper time to explain the plan to the public. With the potential for a Fall election looming, Dion is facing increased pressure from within his own party to topple the Tory government and work towards selling the Green Shift.

Maple Leaf awaits tests

An elderly Hamilton woman is dead, six other deaths are being probed — three in Toronto — and Ontario public health officials say they expect to see more cases of listeriosis, possibly caught from ingesting tainted meat.

Maple Leaf Foods Inc. has shut down its north Toronto meat processing plant for sterilization in the wake of a massive product recall and investigators are circling their efforts around the possibility production lines 8 and 9 were spreaders of the bacterium Listeria monocytogenes that may have sickened 30 in Ontario alone.

"The products that tested positive (for listeria) were manufactured in July, but taking a very broad approach, we have recalled



A woman works to sterilize meat processing and packaging equipment at the Maple Leaf Foods plant in Toronto yesterday. Canadian health officials searched for more clues yesterday into the source of a deadly listeriosis food poisoning outbreak.

all the products that were manufactured on that line from June 2 on," said Linda

Smith, a spokesperson for Maple Leaf.

Maple Leaf Foods has re-

called more than 20 meat products, more than 500,000 kilograms, as a precautionary measure.

Results could be in by tomorrow of genetic testing on the meat samples that will determine if there is a link to the recalled Maple Leaf products, said Dr. Brian Evans, executive vicepresident of Canada's Food Inspection Agency.

'Saturday's test will tell us definitively whether the meat products that have been taken out of the marketplace at this time whether that meat product is in fact the same that led to the illness in the people," he told reporters in Ottawa. Torstar News Service



War resister pleads guilty

DEPORTED The first American war resister deported Iraq. He was deported on

guilty to charges of desertion in a military court martial hearing today in Colorado, and will likely be sentenced this afternoon, his lawyer said yester- Robin Long

Robin Long, 25, lived in

Canada for three years after he defected from the army in 2005 while fleeing

from Canada will plead July 15, following several

failed attempts to earn refugee status or permanent residency in this country, and has since languished in a trio of American military and civilian prisons.

The plea comes after his attorney reached a pretrial agreement with military prosecutors last week.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

ELECTION POLITICS Prime Minister Stephen Harper would be "misguided" if he chose to call a federal election before Parliament resumes sitting on Sept. 15, NDP Leader Jack Layton said yesterday. Layton was campaigning in advance of next month's byelection in Quebec.

WINNIPEG TASER Several police officers suffered minor injuries trying to arrest a man who allegedly punched a Winnipeg transit bus driver, fought with a passenger and scuffled with police even after he had been Tasered. Jeremy Flett, 22, faces charges.

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Nova Scotia premier warns citizens away from Green Shift

Nova Scotia Premier Rodney MacDonald, in a statement against federal Liberal Leader Stephane Dion's call for a national carbon tax, yesterday said if Nova Scotians calculate the cost of their carbon tax bill it could be an additional \$400 a year. METRO CANADA

All the buzz about Aldrin

Second man on the moon guest at comic book expo

Once, he walked on the moon.

This weekend he will walk among grown men and women dressed like Klingons, Jedi and cape-clad superheroes.

Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, the second man to set foot on Earth's only natural satellite, is a special guest at this weekend's Fan Expo — Toronto's annual comic book and science fiction convention.

He has written an account of his journey to the moon, produced video games on space exploration, patented a design for a space station, worked on designs for new spacecraft, lobbied congress for a



"I don't know why it's so hard for the public to accept...Why would there be such an obsession with the bizarre?"

Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin speaking about rumours he saw a UFO on his Apollo mission

reinvestment in NASA, punched a conspiracy theorist in the face, written a science fiction novel about aliens visiting our solar system and lent his voice to an animated movie.

"It's a very cute story," Aldrin, 78, said last week in a phone interview from his Los Angeles home, referring to his life in recent years and to the new film. Fly Me to the Moon, which tells the

story of three bugs blasting to the moon onboard Apollo 11, for which Aldrin supplied his voice.

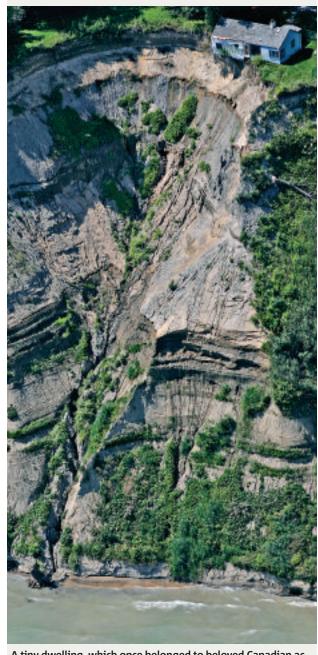
"It's a very complex but realistic story that deals with the vast distances between the stars and the great energy requirements (needed) to travel those distances," he says.

Aldrin has earned a reputation for the bizarre and is angered by accusations that he mistook floating panels for what he is alleged to have reported as a UFO on the moon mission.

"I don't know why it's so hard for the public to accept that we were looking at one of those four panels. Why would there be such an obsession with the bizarre?"

Aldrin has also become infamous in recent years for punching a man who accused him of being a liar and was lambasting the Apollo 11 mission as a hoax. He doesn't expect to meet any "Apollo Landing Deniers" in Toronto, but says he's ready if he does. "If they bother me, I might poke them in the face," he TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE jokes.

Toronto **Teeterhouse**



A tiny dwelling, which once belonged to beloved Canadian actor-comedian Billy Van, in a Toronto suburb now teeters over the bluffs. The cottage is one of the few original homes left along the embankment. The ground literally fell out from underneath the rest over the past three decades.

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SIC challenges gag order

IMMIGRATION In a public showdown between immigration consultants and their regulators, an industry advocacy group is suing

the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants challenging the gag or- All claims in der that it imposes the lawsuit on its members.

The lawsuit, filed proven in this week by the court. 600-member Canadian Association of

Consultants, came after its board members openly endorsed the sweeping changes recommended by a parliamentary committee in June to revamp the

self-regulatory body.

On June 24, the regulator launched complaints against the association for allegedly breaching its

code of ethics by drawing "discredit on the society and the profession."

The consultants' have yet to be association is asking the court to dismiss the regulator's complaints and disciplinary policy and ter-

Professional Immigration minate the investigation because the body "does not have the authority to discipline members who express their views on matters of public interest."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

WINNIPEG ATTACK A Winnipeg mother said she

did what any mother would do when she attacked a man with a pipe after he allegedly tried to abduct and sexually

assault her 10-year-old daughter. Police said they are considering laying charges against the mother and the man.

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The United States and some other developed states throw away nearly a third of their food each year. A report released yesterday said the world was producing more than enough to feed its population. REUTERS

World



Lighting up the screen

Tobacco promotions and depictions of smoking in movies cause teenagers to start smoking, according to a sweeping report on tobacco in the media released yesterday. Three-quarters or more of hit movies depict cigarette smoking, and specific brands can be identified in about one-third, the report said.

U.S. presses Russia on exit

Urges immediate withdrawal

Russia said it would remove troops from Georgia by the end of Friday but stopped short of the withdrawal demanded by the West, saying it would keep a force in Georgia.

Western states have grown increasingly impatient that Russian troops remain inside Georgia.

"The withdrawal is not happening very quickly, if it in fact has begun," White House spokesman Gordon Johndroe said. "The withdrawal needs to take place, and needs to take place now."

Washington was to underline its support for aspiring NATO member Georgia on Friday by sending a navy destroyer to bring supplies to Georgia.

NATO this week suspended contacts with Russia in protest, and Russia halted military cooperation with the alliance.

A column of T-72 tanks was seen moving out of Georgia across a mountain pass, but elsewhere, Russian units showed little sign they would withdraw.

Russian officials said troops would pull back to South Ossetia, and from there withdraw to Russian soil within 10 days.

But they drew a line between those troops and what they described as a "peacekeeping" force. This force would stay on indefinitely in South Ossetia, and a "security zone" around it, the officials said. **REUTERS**



A priest stands next to a girl during a rally in Tskhinvali, the main city of breakaway South Ossetia yesterday.

McCain out of touch on economy, Obama says

POLITICS Barack Obama attacked John McCain yesterday for not knowing how many houses he owns, and said it proves his presidential rival is out of touch with the economic struggles of most Americans.

In an interview this week with the Politico newspaper, the Arizona senator was asked how many houses he owns with his wife, a wealthy heiress.

"I think — I'll have my staff get to you," McCain replied. Obama recalled McCain's recent comments that the country had a "fundamentally economy.

"If you don't know how many houses you have, then it's not surprising that you might think the economy was fundamentally strong," he said.

REUTERS

News in brief

DENVER John McCain's presidential campaign office was evacuated yesterday afternoon, after an envelope containing a threatening letter and an unidentified white powder arrived. The senator was in Arizona at the time.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

PAKISTAN Two Pakistani Taliban suicide bombers blew themselves up outside the country's main defence complex yesterday, killing at least 59 workers leaving at the end of their shift. State television estimated the death toll could be as high as 71.



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Give up golf, South Korea's president urges
South Korea's president has told officials to give up golf, because it sends the wrong signal just as the economy has hit the rough. REUTERS

Karadzic gets new judge

Conflict of interest reassigns war crimes trial

Former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic got his wish for a different judge Thursday when the U.N. tribunal for former Yugoslavia assigned his war crimes case to a new chamber on procedural grounds.

Earlier this week, Karadzic demanded the United Nations tribunal in The Hague replace the judges who are overseeing the preparatory stage of his trial for charges including genocide.

When prosecutors informed the tribunal they were no longer trying to combine Karadzic's case with that of another sus-

Genocide charge

• Karadzic is before the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia to face two charges of genocide over the siege of Sarajevo and the 1995 massacre of 8,000 Muslims.

pect, his case was assigned to a different trial cham-

Karadzic, arrested in July after 11 years on the run, had argued the pretrial presiding judge, Alphons Orie, had a "personal interest" in his case because he had participated in previous trials and would want those judgments validated.

A tribunal official said the assignment of new judges for the case was not in response to Karadzic's request.

The tribunal said later that Karadzic's motion to the president of the U.N. body was moot because the case had been assigned to a different trial chamber, which includes judges Patrick Robinson, Jean-Claude Antonetti and Iain Bonomy. The tribunal has not yet named a presiding judge.

Karadzic is due back in court Aug. 29. REUTERS

Honours Miniature Mandela



Former South Africa President Nelson Mandela speaks with an aide behind a statue of his likeness that was unveiled at the Groot Drakenstein prison in Paarl near Cape Town, where Mandela was held as part of his 28-year incarceration until February 1990.

News in brief

INDIA Nuclear supplier nations proposed conditions for lifting a global ban on nuclear fuel and technology exports to India yesterday. The new rules, including full-scale UN inspections of nuclear sites and a ban

on test explosions would allow progress on a U.S.-India nuclear deal. The embargo was imposed after it tested a nuclear bomb in 1974 with Canadian technology meant for peaceful REUTERS energy production.

Successes prove face transplants can work: Doctors

RESEARCH New faces given to a Chinese man after a bear attack and a French-Caribbean man disfigured by a tumour show that such transplants can work, researchers say.

The findings give hope to some people with severe disfigurement and suggest the transplants could prove long-lasting without major problems, two separate research teams reported in the Lancet medical journal vesterday.

Despite tissue rejection in the first year after their transplants, neither man had psychological problems with their new faces and have been able to rejoin society.

Only three people have received face transplants. The world's first was carried out on a French woman in November 2005, after an attack by her dog. Last year, her doctors reported that she had recovered steadily, overcoming two episodes of rejection. RELITERS

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Burger King profit up, shares down

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Iraq sees possible oil oversupply

OIL Oil supplies may be running slightly ahead of current world demand, Iraqi Oil Minister Hussain al-Shahristani has said.

Shahristani would not say if the situation meant OPEC needed to cut output at its September

meeting, saying the group would have to first review its market data.

OPEC ministers will convene on Sept. 9 to discuss output policy. Iraq doesn't participate in OPEC's production quota system.

Watchdog eases rules on phone rates

TELECOM Canadian telephone companies will be allowed to change their phone rates without the need for prior regulatory approval, the country's telecom watchdog has

Providers will be able make immediate changes to their tariffs as of Oct. 6, but the changes must stay within previously imposed limits, the Canadian Radiotelevision and Telecommunications Commission said yesterday in a statement.

The commission will retain its powers to take corrective action if a company doesn't abide by the rules, the regulator said.

The CRTC added that the policy change would cut down on paperwork and make pricing procedures more efficient.

Gas prices pumping up **Canadian inflation rate**

Soaring gasoline prices drove Canada's inflation rate in July to its highest in more than five years, but the upswing was widely expected and did little to change the view that the central bank will keep interest rates on hold in September.

The annual inflation rate quickened to 3.4 per cent in July from 3.1 per cent in June, the highest rate since March 2003, Statistics Canada said yesterday.

But the core rate that is closely watched by the

cuts coming?

 Some economists expect rate cuts by the bank as soon as the fourth quarter of this year or early 2009.

Bank of Canada stayed well within the bank's target at 1.5 per cent for the fourth straight month.

The consumer price index rose 0.3 per cent in the month, in line with market forecasts

But there was little evi-

dence that high energy prices were trickling into prices of other goods as the core index, which excludes gasoline and other volatile items, advanced by a lower-than-expected 0.1 per cent.

The inflationary pressure comes as no surprise to the Bank of Canada, which is expected to hold rates steady at three per cent on Sept. 3 on the view that inflation will ease to the bank's two per cent target by late 2009.

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Business in brief

IPHONE Apple Inc. has agreed to a distribution deal with carrier Mobile TeleSystems on the sale of iPhones in Russia, market sources said.

ITUNES The downloading of music for iPod players has hit a mysterious glitch in China, raising fears the government has blocked Apple's iTunes site over pro-Tibet lyrics. **REUTERS**







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Medal hopeful Gary Reed of Kamloops, B.C., qualified for men's 800-metre final yesterday in pouring rain in Beijing. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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From banned to golden boy

Canadian Lamaze eclipses drug scandals

Canada's Eric Lamaze, who missed two Games because of drugs bans, won the Olympic show jumping gold after two dramatic jump-offs yesterday.

In a thrilling climax to the equestrian events, Lamaze put his past troubles behind him to beat Sweden's Rolf-Goran Bengtsson for top spot. American Beezie Madden took bronze.

"The past is the past and if this doesn't make people forgive and talk to me about this all the time, I don't know what will," said Lamaze, a resident of Schomberg, Ont.

"There were days when

this was only a dream. Now it's a reality," he added.

The 40-year-old Lamaze, who won silver as part of

"There were days when this was only a dream. Now it's a reality."

Eric Lamaze

the Canadian equestrian team show jumping event earlier in the week — also in a jump-off, was thrown off the Canadian teams for the 1996 and 2000 Games after testing positive for cocaine on two separate occasions.

He also tested positive for a banned diet supplement in 2000 and has received two lifetime bans during his career, both of which were overturned after he appealed them.

• The final leg of the three-day show jumping competition followed the discovery that four horses had tested positive for capsaicin, which is banned for its hypersensitising and pain-relieving properties.

pain-relieving properties.
Norway's Tony Andre
Hansen was provisionally
suspended from the
Olympics after his horse
Camiro returned a positive
dope test, event organizers
said.



Eric Lamaze of Schomberg, Ont., riding Hickstead, won a jumpore test, event organizers off for gold in the final round of the individual jumping equestrian event yesterday at the Olympic Games in Hong Kong.



day in the women's 10-metre platform diving final.

Solid silver finish for Heymans

DIVING Emilie Heymans assuaged the pain of losing an Olympic medal which had seemed hers in 2004 and bounced back with a silver on the platform yesterday in Beijing.

The native of St-Lambert, Que., saw her dreams dissolve in Athens when her final dive went wrong and she dropped from second to fourth.

Heymans unleashed a series of excellent dives, with the home crowd roaring on teenage favourites Chen Ruolin and Wang Xin, and came desperately close to becoming the first diver to

beat the Chinese in Beijing. Chen eventually took gold and Wang the bronze.

"It's a really long time and you never know what can happen in four years. But I've been training really hard and I'm just glad that everything is over now," said Heymans.

"... I worked a lot on the head part and believed in myself and know that I can do really good as well."

Nevertheless, Heymans came to Beijing with a disappointment because she and Marie-Eve Marleau had failed to qualify for the synchronized platform at Cana-

da's Olympic trials after she had taken silver in 2000 and bronze in 2004 with other partners.

She said she did not think about what had happened in Athens. "I was just trying to really stay calm and focused on what I had to do to make a good dive," she said. "I just wanted to finish the competition with an awesome dive."

She said she did not know whether she would carry on to the 2012 London Olympics: "I'm just going to enjoy the moment right now and think about the future later."

Disappointing finale for Cools

BMX Anne-Caroline Chausson of France won the gold medal in BMX in its Olympic debut early this morning after gold medal favourite Shanaze Reade of Britain crashed out on the final corner.

Laetitia Le Corguille of France won the silver and American Jill Kintner took the bronze.

Sammy Cools of Airdrie, Alta., crashed before the first curve and placed seventh.

Maris Strombergs of Latvia won the men's gold ahead of Americans Mike Day and Donny Robinson.

Van Koeverden roars into final

CANOE-KAYAK Canada's Adam van Koeverden eased into the final of the men's K1 500 metres yesterday in Beijing by placing first in his semifinal.

The Oakville, Ont., native, who carried the flag for Canada at the opening ceremonies for the Beijing Games, raced to a time of 1:42:438 to easily qualify for tomorrow's nine-man

final. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Medal count

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#2	China	46	15	22	83			
#3	Russia	16	16	19	51			
#4	Britain	17	12	11	40			
#5	Australia	11	13	14	38			
#6	Germany	11	8	12	31			
#7	France	4	12	14	30			
#8	South Korea	10	10	6	26			
#9	Japan	9	6	9	24			
#10	Italy	6	7	8	21			
#11	Ukraine	5	5	9	19			
#12	Netherlands	6	5	4	15			
#12	Canada	3	7	5	15			
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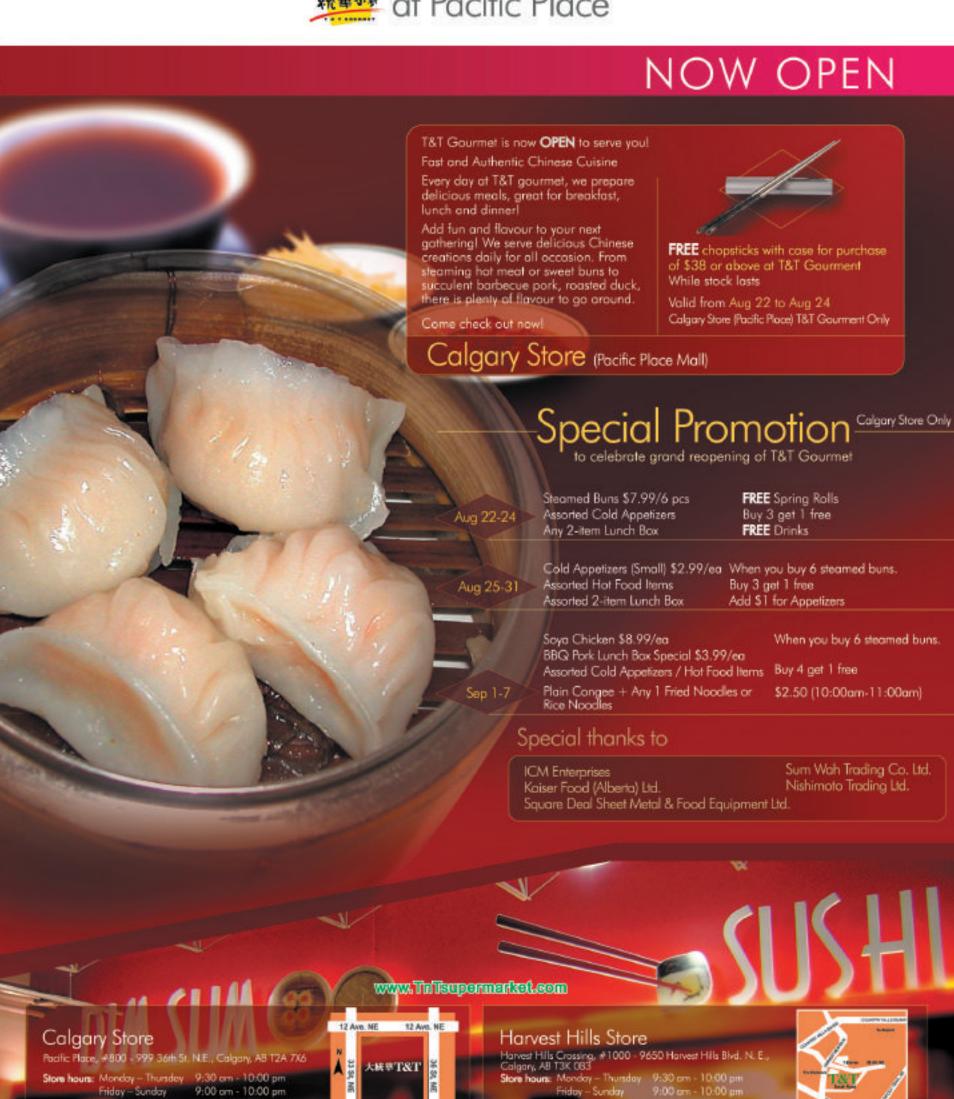
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Veronica Campbell-Brown, left, won the Olympic 200 metre final yesterday to complete a Jamaican sweep of all four individual sprint golds at the Games. Campbell-Brown ran a career-best 21.74 seconds to finish ahead of American Allyson Felix and fellow Jamaican Kerron Stewart. REUTERS

when it comes to

Beijing Games

Japan hands U.S. a shocking defeat

SOFTBALL The United States lost 3-1 to Japan yesterday in the Olympic women's softball final, the first time the Americans have failed to win gold in the event.

Softball will not be at the 2012 Games and the U.S. had won every gold on offer since it became an Olympic sport in 1996.

Australia won the bronze medal.

Italian defies heat to take race walk

ATHLETICS Italy's Alex Schwazer won the Olympic 50km walk this morning, setting an Olympic record despite conditions made brutal by relentless sun.

Schwazer covered the longest race in the athletics program in three hours, 37 minutes, nine seconds.

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Can you spare \$8 for an athlete?

Canadian Olympians doing great, but can do better with more cash



The feast this week has, of course, been substantially more satisfying and more gratifying than the famine last week for Canada's Olympic squad.

After collecting exactly zero medals in Week 1, our athletes entered competition this morning with 15 three of them gold. They also climbed into a 12thplace tie in the medal standings, which is noteworthy because the Canadian Olympic Committee had finishing among the top 16 countries.

When all is said and done in Beijing this weekend, Canadians won't need to bury their heads in shame. There won't be any countries you've never heard of ahead of Canada in the standings. And we'll wind up well ahead of many other proud and prominent nations, including Sweden, Austria and Greece.

We will not be red-faced. We will not be humiliated. We will not be embarrassed.

Still, while the Canadian team will leave Beijing with more hardware than its predecessors in 2004 and 2000 at Athens and Sydney, respectively, it will be hardpressed to match the 22

set a pre-Games objective of medals Canada earned at Atlanta in the 1996 Summer Games. And it will come nowhere close to the Canadian-best 44 medals do you eat that much from amassed at

a major disadvantage "It's shame, frankly, because we really could be Jane Roos

da's Olympians.

doing much better in Beijing," lamented Jane Roos, founder of a decade-old charity devoted to raising funds for Cana-

"Our athletes do everything on their own personal power to increase their chances of becoming medallists, but we as a nation could provide them with the direct funding

that could enhance their performances. Our rowers, for example, need to eat 6,000 calories a day. How

Los Angeles in "Our athletes are at a the Governmonth from ment? rowers

shouldn't need to worry about how they're going

to pay their food bills. They shouldn't need to worry about how they'll pay their coach or how they'll get to training camps.'

Roos has come up with an innovative eight-dollar donation/sponsorship program in a bid to help future Canadian Olympians.

'Our athletes are at a major disadvantage when it comes to funding," she said. "Canadians need to realize that, if they donated a mere eight dollars, they could impact the lives of Canadian athletes and, indirectly, impact their own lives, because I guarantee our results at the next Olympics would be more impressive and more satisfying."

Canadian kayaking king and flag-bearer Adam van Koeverden is personally donating \$800 to his fellow Olympians.

"This," van Koeverden said, "is a vital program for our athletes' future."

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Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

IOC orders probe over gymnast's age

Medal count **Rank Nation** 29 34 32 China 46 15 22 Russia 16 16 19 Britain 17 12 11 Australia Germany 11 8 12 4 12 14 South Korea 10 10 6 #9 Japan 9 6 9 #10 Italy 6 7 8 Ukraine Netherlands 6 5 4 #12 Canada (Count at the end of Day 13)

GYMNASTICS The International Olympic Committee has asked the International Gymnastics Federation to investigate claims that Chinese double gold medallist He Kexin is younger than the eligible age to compete in the Games.

He, registered at the Beijing Olympics as 16, won team gold and a gold on the asymmetric bars. She was registered as having been born on Jan. 1, 1992. Gymnasts must turn 16 in the year of the Games to be allowed to compete.

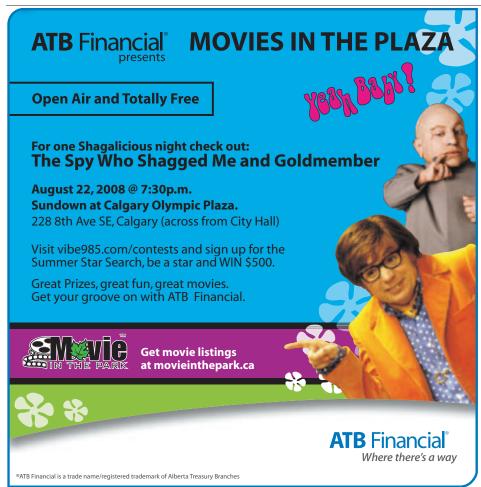
"Given that there have been some discrepancies regarding her age that have come to light, we have asked the FIG to look into this matter," an IOC official told Reuters. "It is because of these discrepancies that we have asked for this investigation to start.'

FIG spokesman Philippe Silacci declined to comment, but a statement earlier this month from the governing body said strict measures were taken when sorting out accreditation and that the IOC had confirmed all gymnasts' passports had been valid.

He's age has been under scrutiny since the start of the Games and various media have reported she had competed in past events under a different birthdate.



He Kexin of China holds her gold medal on the podium during the presentation ceremony for the women's uneven bars.





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Injury prone Pavano makes returns to Yankees The oft-injured Carl Pavano is scheduled to start for the New York Yankees on Saturday in Baltimore, according to the Newark Star Ledger. The 32-

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NFL's Upshaw dies at age 63

ation (NFLPA) Gene Upshaw, left, has died after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, the NFLPA announced on Thursday. He was 63 Upshaw, seven times selected as a Pro Bowl guard during his playing career with the Raiders, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1987 and had served as executive director of the players' union since 1983. REUTERS

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Thelwell ready for Lions

year-old inked a four-year, \$39.95 million contract with the Yankees before the 2005 season, but has played in just 19 games. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Stamps receiver excited for chance to play former team

LAURENCE HEINEN for Metro Calgary

After a lengthy break due to a bye week, the Calgary Stampeders return to action tonight (8:30 p.m., TSN) in Vancouver against the B.C. Lions.

Both teams have identical 4-3 records to put them in a three-way tie with the Edmonton Eskimos for second place in the Canadian Football League's West Division.

In a locker room blog on www.stampeders.com, former Lion and current

Whenever you get a chance to play against your old team there is an added level of excitement to that game." Stamps' Ryan Thelwell

Stampeder receiver Ryan Thelwell warned that B.C. better be ready for a bat-

"Both teams are coming off bye weeks and are well rested so this should make for an explosive game," wrote Thelwell, hopes to improve upon his stats of six catches for 95 vards this season.

Thelwell began his CFL career with the Lions in 2001 and then capped off his stint with B.C. in 2006 with a Grey Cup championship before signed by the Stampeders prior to the 2007 season.

He's looking forward to helping the Stamps end a seven-game losing streak at B.C. Place which dates

back to 2002 when current B.C. bench boss Wally Buono was still Calgary's coach.

"Whenever you get a chance to play against your old team there is an added level of excitement to that game," pointed out Thelwell.

"Also, the fact that they are in our division and we are tied for second place makes for a huge game. We know that if as a team we are going to go to the next level, these are the games we have to win. They better be ready because I know we will be.'

CFL Eskimos shut down Roughriders 27-10



Saskatchewan Roughriders' back Wes Cates, left, and his teammates couldn't find a way past the Edmonton Eskimos defence last night, as the Eskimos beat the Roughriders 27-10.

Jays get Bautista from Pirates

MLB The Toronto Blue Jays acquired infielder Jose Bautista from the Pittsburgh Pirates yesterday for a player to be named later.

The Pirates demoted the third baseman Bautista to Triple-A Indianapolis last week after he hit .242 with 12 home runs and 44 RBI in 107 games with the big

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports in brief

NFL The Pittsburgh Steelers signed linebacker James Farrior to a five-year contract yesterday. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed. A 12-year veteran that signed with Pittsburgh in 2002, he has led the team in tackles four out of his six years in the Steel City. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Blue Jays' offence spank Yankees' pitchers

Blue Jays 14 Yankees 3

MLB Roy Halladay was his usual dominant self on the mound and Marco Scutaro matched a career-high with four hits and four runs driven in and also scored three times, as the Toronto Blue Jays crushed the New York Yankees, 14-3, last night to cap a three-game set.

Halladay (15-9) yielded just three runs on five hits while fanning nine and walking two batters over

seven frames. Alex Rios and RBI for the Blue Jays, who have won seven of their last nine. John McDonald also knocked in a pair in the win. Joe Inglett had a career-high four hits.

Sidney Ponson (7-4) suffered the loss as he was pounded for seven runs on eight hits in just two-plus innings. Hideki Matsui accounted for all of the New York offense with a threerun homer in the seventh.

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Yankees starting pitcher Sidney Ponson had after a rough start last night. The Jays beat the Yankees 14-3.







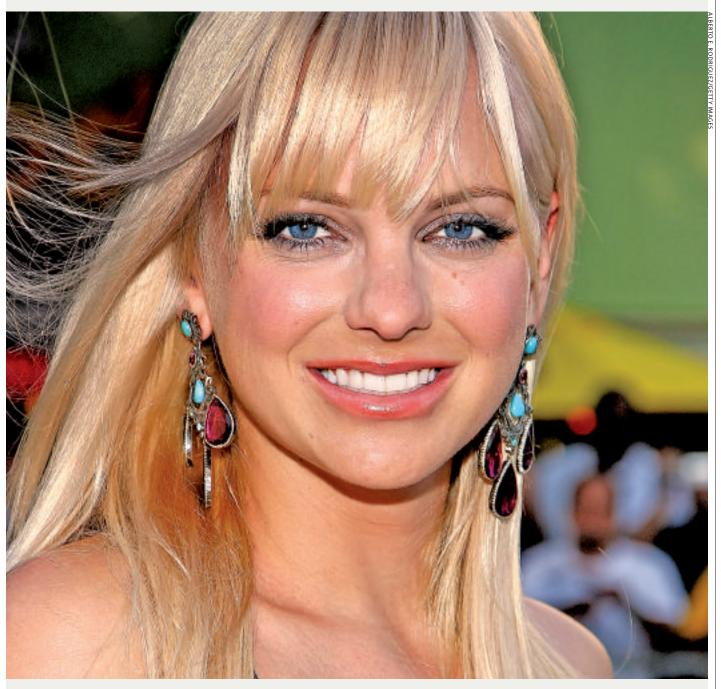
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Coogan an
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Anna's in the house

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Anna Faris stars as the centre(fold) of the movie The House Bunny, in which a Playboy bunny gets kicked out of the mansion and moves in with a clan of sorority girls. The movie opens today.



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Bunny hop past this dud

House **Bunny**

Director: Fred Wolf Stars: Anna Faris, Colin Hanks **Classification:** PG Rating: @

STEVE GOW

REVIEW According to the movie's production notes, The House Bunny is about a Playboy model "who teaches an awkward sorority about the opposite sex — only to learn that what boys really like is what's on the inside." That wasn't quite the movie I saw.

Directed by Fred Wolf (who polluted theatres earlier this year with

Strange Wilderness) and written by the team behind Legally Blonde (who must be legally out of ideas), this dud tells the story of the aforementioned dopey model (Anna Faris) who joins a sorority after she thinks she's ejected from the Playboy Mansion for turning 27.

Well, that is "59 in bunny years" she's told, so I guess you know what you can take away from that, ladies: After 27, feel free to leave your knickers on.

The movie aims to be a tale of empowerment but it should end up an embarrassment to any woman with a shred of dignity.

And it's not only the shallowness of the main character's primary ambition to get naked in Playboy that insults me; it's that all the characters in this film are so insipid, one-dimensional and boycrazy that trying to squeeze any depth from this flick is like searching for theological subtext in a Jonas Brothers song.

It's a shame too because Anna Faris has proven she can provide lift to most mediocre turkeys (seen her in Just Friends?) but in this, her talents are wasted staggering through unfunny dialogue with flat, inane characters.

As watchable as the bigeyed beauty is, when your wittiest line is "eyes are the nipples of the face," let's be honest, it's time to euthanize the poor bunny.



Anna Faris plays a Playboy playmate who thinks she's banished in House Bunny.

Durst's second movie as director is something of a Longshot

The Longshots

Director: Fred Durst **Stars:** Ice Cube, Keke Palmer **Classification:** PG Rating: ##

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

REVIEW What do you do when you've already conquered the charts as an obnoxious front-man of a nu-metal band, supposedly slept with Britney Spears and been the subject of your own sex tape controversy?

Well, naturally, you make an over-sentimental family film about a little girl who becomes a football player...duh!

Directed by Fred Durst (better known as the lead singer of Limp Bizkit — he's the one who "did it all for the nookremember?), The



Ice Cube dons a Walter Payton jersey to coach Keke Palmer in The Longshots, a true story of a girl who plays on a boy's football team.

story of 11-year-old Jasmine Plummer (played by Keke Palmer) who, under the tutelage of Un-

Longshots tells the true cle Curtis (Ice Cube) dis- teemed Pop Warner Sucovered her hidden talent for football and became the first female ever to play in the es-

per Bowl tournament.

Now, it's no secret that the underdog story isn't premise an original

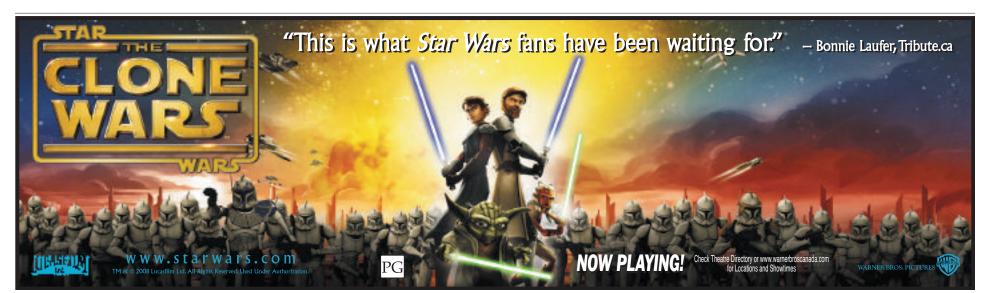
when it comes to football films (especially if you've seen Rudy or Invincible) and The Longshots isn't much differ-

Sure, it's based on a true story, but riddled with a formulaic plot that hinges on the nowobsolete hook that a girl can play a boy's game, well, The Longshots is a pretty bland concept for the big screen.

While Ice Cube does provide some decent support as a washed-up quarterback getting a vicarious second shot at glory, the plot moves so quickly that developments are never completely played through.

Worse than they're short on conflict - the essence of drama. In the end, that's the film's biggest downfall sure, it's harmless enough, but The Longshots' saccharine intent to inspire is simply over-

bearing. It makes me wonder is Fred Durst feeling guilty about something?



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Hamlet 2 throws weak jabs and lacks satirical thrust

Hamlet 2

Director: Andrew Fleming **Stars:** Steve Coogan, Catherine Keener

Classification: 14A

Rating:

ADAM NAYMAN for Metro Canada

REVIEW When seriously unfunny movies like Hamlet 2 get erected around seriously funny actors like Steve Coogan, it's reasonable to ask what went wrong.

ask what went wrong.
In this case, it's that Coogan has been robbed of his prime comic weapon his bone-dry British imperiousness. Cast as an antic Arizona high school drama teacher attempting to save his credibility and his job by mounting an unprecedentedly offensive original play — that'd be Hamlet 2, with a plot involving a time machine and chirpy songs about rape and Jesus Christ's "hot swimmer's body" — Coogan trades his usual shivsharp subtlety for blustery, Christopher Guest-style caricature. The results aren't pretty.

Perhaps attempting to atone for the retro-blandness of Nancy Drew, co-writer/director Andrew Fleming stabs wildly at taboos: Coogan's young charges trade racist barbs in between rehearsals; characters drop acid and reference crystal meth addiction; a key player takes a tentative step out of the closet; child molestation is deployed as a punch-line.

It's all admirably anti-P.C., but that's all it is — there's no real satirical thrust here, just a lot of weak jabs at easy targets (newsflash: the American religious right are a bunch of humourless hysterics!) and sub-Waiting For Guffman gags about the gulf between Coogan's ambition and his talent.

There's not a lot to laugh at here, and the fact that the filmmakers seem so smugly proud of their supposed transgressions doesn't help.

In fact, they like their piddling attempt at a live-action episode of South Park so much that I don't have to.

Death Race over-the-top

Death Race

Director: Paul W.S. Anderson Stars: Jason Statham, Joan Allen

Classification: 14A
Rating: ##

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

REVIEW For anyone who thinks Death Race is a remake of the cult-classic Death Race 2000 starring David Carradine — think again!

Instead, writer/director Paul W.S. Anderson (who is trying to turn his luck around after making AVP: Alien vs. Predator four years yonder) claims this was tailored to be a prequel to the original film, although that doesn't make much sense, either, since 2000 was, you know, eight years ago.

Set in the near-future, Death Race stars Jason Statham (Crank) as Jensen Ames, an innocent man who goes to jail for suppos-



Death Race, built solely on shock value and adrenaline, has plenty of mindless action.

edly killing his wife. There, the former NASCAR driver is recruited to race other life-term inmates under the pseudonym of Frankenstein in a reality-show called Death Race.

The catch: The cars are loaded with machine guns. The dangling carrot: Whoever wins, goes free.

If that sounds familiar, you probably saw last year's The Condemned starring

pro-wrestler Steve Austin. Death Race's plot is practically identical, and likewise, it's built solely on shock value and adrenaline without the quirky satirical critique on violence that fuelled the 1975 original.

On its own merit, Death Race has plenty of mindless action, some crazy car stunts and riveting death scenes. But it's all so overthe-top — especially the I mean, Joan Allen is a three-time Oscar nominee, but here she seems to be playing a vicious prison

script and performances.

warden for laughs when she threatens Ames that if he messes with her, "We'll find out who sh-ts on the sidewalk." If only that horrible line had come from a wrestler, maybe this film wouldn't have seemed so

counterfeit.





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Coogan's time to shine Broadbent's role straight from the

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

You've seen him in A Night at the Museum and this summer's Tropic Thunder. He's been accused in the media of giving drugs to Owen Wilson. And in the U.K., he's a huge star. But if you ran into Steve Coogan on the street, you probably wouldn't recognize him.

"I'm sort of known by certain people in the industry independent films,' Coogan said during a recent interview in Toronto.

"But this is the first thing I've done that's been given a platform with lots of support." He's of course referring to Hamlet 2, his first real leading role in a big Hollywood movie. A zany comedy about Dana Marschz — a high school drama teacher who attempts to direct a sequel to a play where all the characters died at the end -Hamlet 2 is a departure for the English comedian who earned his reputation mak-



Steve Coogan, centre, plays an unorthodox high school drama teacher in Hamlet 2.

ing indie flicks like 24 Hour Party People and Happy Endings.

"I wanted to do a comedy film that was broad, accessible and not too esoteric," admits Coogan. "and when I read the script, this fits the bill. It's smart but it's not hard-going; it's easy to

That it is. But his character is still not typical of most Hollywood protagonists. A failed thespian who idolizes Elizabeth Shue and pitches herpes medication on TV, Dana Marschz is not your average hero.

"He's a loser. He's a slightly tragic figure but he's an innocent too," defends Coogan of the character's consistent mess-ups.

"The audience have to like him in some way to stay with the film; you had to give him some sort of emotional momentum because he's trying to do the right

thing. He's a good person; he's just a bit of an idiot too."

With Coogan now receiving great praise for his hilarious performance, it would seem that Hamlet 2 is sure to be just what Steve Coogan needed to finally make it in Hollywood — after 20 years in showbiz.

"If people go to see it," agrees Coogan while laughing. "I suppose it will be a breakthrough."

straight from the heart

STEVE GOW

What makes Jim Broadbent such a phenomenal actor? It's a question not easily answered, but certainly worth consideration. Is it his notable appearances in blockbusters like Moulin Rouge!, Bridget Jones's Diary or this summer's fourth Indiana Jones movie?

While always solid support, the English actor's real presence has instead been made with roles in more independently spirited films like his Oscar-winning turn in Iris, Topsy-Turvy or perhaps most recently, as eccentric patriarch Arthur Morrison in the touching drama When Did You Last See Your Father?.

In the memoir-based film, Broadbent plays the father of acclaimed author Blake Morrison (Colin Firth). After discovering Arthur has a terminal illness, Blake returns to take care of his family while dealing — primarily in flashbacks — with painful memories of his difficult, possibly duplicitous dad.

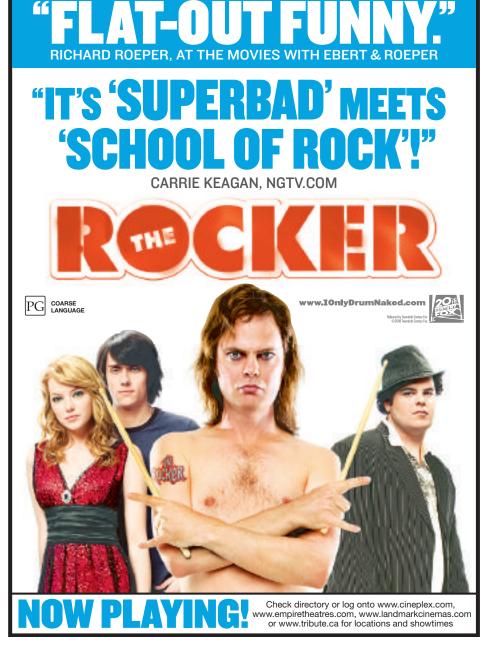
"I had a sort of head start in knowing about the character I suppose," Broadbent said while promoting the film in Toronto.

"I identified with it as a son of a father and also as a son whose father died in similar circumstances; of cancer, at home, with all the family around."

The drama is an intelligent, well-crafted tearjerker which explores the complexities of family life. "(Father and son relationships) are never as simple as sometimes made out," Broadbent points out. "There is always an awful lot of grey area."

That "grey area" is exactly what gives this film its emotional impact. While not a clearly dubious character, Arthur does have a quality that's emotionally tortured his son. As director Anand Tucker explains, it's a subtlety only a pro like Broadbent could have portrayed.





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Movie morsels

Star Wars: The Clone Wars

REVIEW The Clone Wars sticks Anakin Skywalker and company in the middle of an intergalactic war between the clones and the droids In reality this movie kicks-off a new animated series and highlighting where this film truly belongs — on TV.

Sure, it's an interesting combination of CGI and anime but the story itself is about as compelling as watching somebody play a videogame for 90 minutes. Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Tropic Thunder

REVIEW Ben Stiller leads the all-star cast of Jack Black, Robert Downey Jr. and even Tom Cruise in this spoof of Hollywood egos.

Stiller plays Tugg Speedman, an action star leading the cast of a fictional war film being shot in Southeast Asia. After the movie goes over budget, the actors are sent into the jungle to capture "real fear in their eyes." Instead, the gang loses their director, get lost themselves and fall prey to real terrorists. The twist: They're convinced it's all part of the movie. It's a great premise that doesn't let down with its

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Pineapple Express

REVIEW Starring Seth Rogen, this film is a Midnight Run-type caper about a dope-smoking process server who goes on the lam with his hapless drug dealer (James Franco) after witnessing a murder. It's a hollow story, but this comedy still works.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

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The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:55-7:15-9:55

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-

Iron Man (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7-9:45

Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3

Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-5-7:25

Mongol (14A) Fri-Thu 9:40

Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thu 12:40-4-8

Space Chimps (G) Fri-Thu 1-2:55-5-7:35

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The Longshots (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:40-7:05-9:55

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Javier Bardem and Scarlett Johansson in Vicky Cristina Barcelona, which is currently in theatres.

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Music

Guitar Heroes pitch in

Dandy Warhols team up with Knopfler, Campbell on new disc

ROB MCMAHON

For drummer Brent De Boer, the high point of recording the Dandy Warhols' seventh album came in the form of a gui-

Earth To The Dandy Warhols features the shiny steel National made famous on the cover of Dire Straits' 1985 disc Brothers in Arms.

(Singer) Courtney (Taylor-Taylor) wanted Mark (Knopfler) to play his dobro on Love Song, and he played it," said De Boer. "That shiny guitar from the cover of (Dire Straits') Brothers in Arms — he actually played it!"

De Boers' enthusiasm grew as he explained the track also featured Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers' guitarist Mike Campbell, who arrived in the studio the day after performing at the Super Bowl. To add to the story, the



Earth To The Dandy Warhols features the steel National made famous on the cover of Dire Straits' 1985 disc Brothers in Arms.

song was started (along with Dreamt of Yes and Valerie Yum) during a studio session with electronic pioneers Massive Attack.

"We went to (Massive Attack's) studio in Bristol and drank a lot of hard cider," said De Boer, laughing. "That project never quite finished, but we might get back together with them."

If nothing else, the Dandies' new album — and the band itself, as featured in the 2004 documentary

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DIG! — are far from boring. Headquartered in the Odditorium, a three-quarterblock studio in Portland, the psychedelic rockers' kitchen sink approach appears in everything from their musical compositions to their studio's décor.

"We have a den and a bar, a studio, and a green screen room where we filmed the Mission Control video," said De Boer. "(And) we permanently installed the three rooms used in our video for

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When writing, Dandies typically approach each song individually and then build the album flow. Things change for the show if an album track peaks in a wall of psychedelic noise, the group tones it down, switching the drum tempo or pulling out an acoustic guitar. But this time, De Boer explained the album (the first released on their label Beat the World Records) received some lastminute changes. The songs were all written, recorded and arranged when singer Courtney Taylor-Taylor jumped in and tweaked a few things.

"(Courtney) got this idea to put guitar over a song, and I was unsure and left the studio for a couple of said De Boer. hours," "When I returned it blew my mind — it's on Mission Control, the guitar that starts up just before the drums kick in. It really gave it a kick, almost like you're at some club in Europe."



The bestselling albums on Amazon.ca

Alan wonders why airports bother to sell CDs anymore?

Routine air travel takes a nosedive



Air travel is a wretched experience that is getting more awful by the day. Just last week, my flight to Winnipeg — what used to be as routine as a bus ride downtown — is now a frustrating, demeaning and hideously expensive experience.

Between uncaring gate attendants (who refused to announce that the flight was going to be an hour late even though we could all see that the

plane wasn't at the gate and As of Oct. 1, yet) overzealous Air Canada will no they almost longer hand out seized the free headsets for nomemade cabbage rolls their entertainment nipeg have a had systems, which is mom carefully packed in tin- they're foil in my carry-on because uncomfortable and they can ap- sound awful. parently be fashioned into

an explosive device), I was ready to pull the chute on the whole trip. A couple of things oc-

curred to me during this ordeal:

• Whatever happened to the PA music heard on airplanes as passengers boarded? A number of airlines seemed to have stopped using it. Delta, on the other hand, has created a series of contemporary mixes that apparently subconsciously gets passengers settled in their seats faster.

• US Airways is yanking out their in-flight entertainment systems to save

weight and fuel. Other airlines will be watching this with interest. The good news is that more planes are slowly becoming equipped with in-flight Internet access (at a price, of course), so there will be something to do.

• As of Oct. 1, Air Canada will no longer hand out free headsets for their entertainment systems, which is just as well because they're uncomfortable and sound awful. (Note to entrepreneurs: Far too many planes are outfitted with headset receptacles that require a double plug. There will soon be a big market for mini-plug-to-two-pronged adapters as more people choose to bring their own headphones and earbuds. You're welcome.)

Who buys CDs at the airport? The Virgin stores both Toronto and Winlection, but just as well because unless you're still travelling with

portable CD

player willing listen through your laptop, CDs seem to be a little 20th century—if you know what I mean. (At least the prices have come down. I once saw Led Zep-

pelin IV selling at an air-

port store for \$26.99.) Speaking of shopping, who would buy the hardcore porn magazines they sell at the airport? Is anyone actually going to crack one open during the flight? As if we need something else to make flying even more uncomfortable ...

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Internet users fear iPod tunes blocked in China

The downloading of music for iPod players has hit a mysterious glitch in China, stumping scores of users and raising fears the government has blocked Apple's iTunes site over pro-Tibet lyrics, analysts said

yesterday.

following his release from three years' prison in Vietnam for child sex abuse.

Since Monday, more than 60 people have posted messages in an Apple Inc. discussion forum complaining that they could not download songs for use on Apple's iPods.

Their complaints follow the release of The Art of Peace Foundation's new album Songs for Tibet, a compilation of tunes about the rights of ethnic Tibetans in China's mountainous southwest.

Tibet, which Communist troops entered in 1950, suffered violent rioting in March, which led to anti-government demonstrations across Tibetan areas of China, deeply embarrassing Beijing

months before Olympic Games.

Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, accused Chinese troops of opening fire on protesters in eastern Tibet on Aug. 18.



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Singer and songwriter Gwen Stefani gave birth to a boy named Zuma yesterday in Los Angeles, her second child with husband Gavin Rossdale, her spokesman said. REUTERS

Faint's Fasciination mixes old, new

ROB MCMAHON

At first glance, the Faint's new disc Fasciination seems tailored as a grand political statement.

But singer Todd Fink explained the title is more a case of equipment malfunction. "The story behind the spelling is kind of a silly one. That title was the one I used for the album/artist I was saving demos under in my computer," he said. "The reason it came out like that was that the keyboard's I key was broken, and doubled up every time I pressed it. I thought it looked cool."

So the electro-gothpunks aren't raging against the political machine — though Fink says it's not absurd to infer the title's interpretation as "Fascist Nation," and A Battle Hymn For Children includes the line: "In the name of peace we make

In short, after a four-year hiatus, despite some shifts in content and updating their sound, the band's preserved its core elements: Fink's dystopian observations set to sharp, staccato rhythms and futuristic synths. The long wait is partly because the disc is released on the band's own label, blank.wav. And since some of Fasciination's songs date all the way back to 2004, the band decided that it had to continually update

"(Fasciination's) song, A Battle Hymn for Children, was difficult. The way it sounded didn't hit us the way it should," said Fink. "We worked over versions again and again, and ended up with the record version ... Every time we would start over - close the session and start a new one from scratch."

To keep things fresh, the group also took a more experimental approach to some of their songs more intricate breaks, noisy, distorted squelches and even the odd acoustic instrument pepper the album. For example, Fink ex-



The Faint are back with a new album after a four-year hiatus.

plained the goal of Fulcrum and Lever was to "throw any kind of notion

of a Faint song away" by and stabs of squelching building on a start-stop noise. For aural trainspotbreak-beat, rap-style vocals ters, Fink claims the song

even includes a tweaked sample of a barbershop

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Amy Winehouse and her husband still see fireworks

Singer Amy Winehouse, reportedly entering a rehab facility near her incarcerated husband Blake Fielder-Civil's prison, is planning a heart-felt display of fireworks that they can both watch from their respective institutions. music-news.com

Entertainment



Microsoft, Seinfeld team up for ad campaign

LOS ANGELES Comedian Jerry Seinfeld will star in a \$300 million marketing campaign for Microsoft Corp aimed at burnishing the image of its computer operating system, a person familiar with the effort said yesterday.

The centrepiece of that campaign, to debut next month, is a series of television advertisements in which Seinfeld, 54, best known for his eponymous NBC sitcom, will appear with Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, the person told Reuters.

The Wall Street Journal, which first reported details of the marketing effort, said Seinfeld will receive about \$10 million for his work.

Seinfeld's representatives were not immediately available for comment and Redmond, Washing

ton-based computer software giant Microsoft de-

clined to discuss the matter.

But the source who knew of the ad campaign said an immediate goal of the commercials is to counter public perceptions that Windows Vista, Microsoft's latest PC operating system, is clunky and hard to use compared with rival products from Apple

REUTERS

Dion All The Way to a degree



Canadian singer Celine Dion, left, smiles as she poses with Quebec's mayor Regis Labeaume after receiving an honourary doctorate in music from Laval University at the Palais Montcalm in Quebec City yesterday.

Madonna hits the road at 50

TOURS Madonna kicks off her Sticky & Sweet world tour at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium tomorrow, the latest test of her enduring appeal that comes a week after her 50th birthday.

The "queen of pop" will be hoping to eclipse her last trot across the globe 2006. Con-



came the top-grossing tour ever by a female artist with ticket sales of \$195 million U.S.

Sticky & Sweet will feature hits that span nearly 30 years in pop music including her latest album Hard Candy.

As of yesterday, roughly half the tour venues had yet to sell out, including Cardiff, although Live Nation announced in June the tour was on target to gross more than \$250 million U.S.

Sticky & Sweet is also a

major test for Live Nation, the tour company that signed Madonna to a 10year contract in 2007 reported to be worth a total of \$120 million U.S.

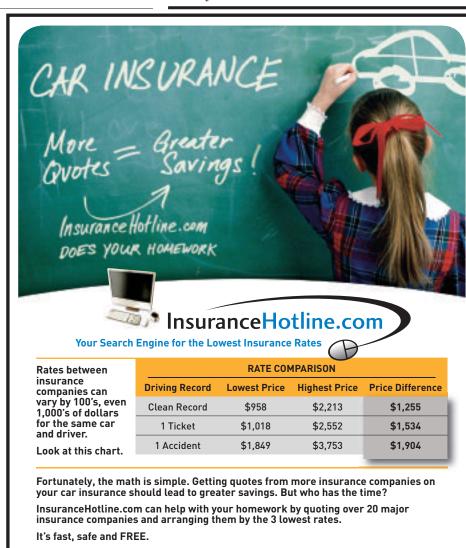
Madonna reinforced her reputation as a shrewd businesswoman by switching from long-term label Warner Brothers at a time when the pop world recognised live performing was generally more lucrative than selling records.

REUTERS

Madge facts

- Madonna Louise Veronica Ciccone was born in Bay City, Mich., on Aug. 16, 1958.
- Her breakthrough came in 1984 when she signed a record deal and made hits Like a Virgin and Holiday.
- The Recording Industry Association of America has described her as the best-selling female rock artist of the 20th century with 63 million certified album sales.





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Few new fans for Mad Men

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MAD LOVE: AMC spent a fabled fortune in promotion leading up to the premiere of the second season of Mad Men just over a month ago, but it doesn't seem to be paying off in the numbers — according to a story in the New York Post this week, last Sunday's

episode saw rating return I'm not sure what to last sea-these erstwhile son's average of around 1.1 **new viewers were** million. expecting, but I That's a loss of a million haven't been at all viewers since **disappointed with** show's the four episodes the heavily hyped return of Mad Men so far.

to the air-

waves, with a "season-low 514,000 viewers among persons 18-49, according to Nielsen."

Which means that Mad Men's core viewership is sticking with the show, though few new fans have been made — or most of them are, like me, watching the thing on TiVo days after the show airs. Not good news for AMC, which makes me think I should be cherishing my favorite show on the air while it lasts. I'm not sure what these erstwhile new viewers were expecting, but I haven't been at all disappointed with the four episodes of Mad Men so Far from it Matthew Weiner and his cast and crew have exceeded my expectations,

by a long shot.

While it was clear from the first episode that Mad Men was going to be a workplace drama, it's delivered on more than that. The anguished intrigues in the Sterling Cooper offices are still driving the show, but its forays into the personal lives of the employees and their families are threatening to shift the focus - not that I'm complaining.

Sunday's show Last crammed in a lot of goings-on for a series that's reputedly "slow moving,"

including several indelible glimpses into family the of Jon life Hamm's Ďon Draper and his restive Betty (January Jones.) From a frisky prelude to coitus interrupted

by the kids to the pathological misbehavior of the youngest, Bobby and the precociousness of his sister Sally (speculating to zaftig office manager Joan that she'll have "big ones" like her when she grows up), the episode provoked many winces of recognition from anyone once or currently in the business of raising a family. (And remember — all appearances to the contrary, Mad Men isn't really about the early '60s as much as it's about our own lives, today, refracted through that idealized past.)

The richest moment was the giddy conclusion to a family Saturday together, a moment shattered when Bobby breaks his parents' bed and Don

and Betty lose their temper before a chagrined realization that they've forgotten to feed their kids. Threading through it all was the tension between Don and Betty on disciplining their children, and Don's quiet refusal to take after his own abusive dad, which led to a poignant scene between Don and Bobby.

I'm hoping that Weiner isn't going to take the awkward friendship between Peggy (Elizabeth Moss) and an eager young

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priest played by Colin Hanks to the same predictable place such relationships inevitably go, but he's doing a fantastic job of recapturing the fragile, sometimes painful dignity of working class urban life just before the cultural cataclysm of the '60s.

Enjoy it all while you

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Reality series to spotlight Blonde ambition

NEW SERIES Lifetime is heading to the American capital, green-lighting an unscripted series starring a trio of

20-something socialites who want to make their mark on Washington both socially and professionally.

The six-episode series, Blonde Charity Mafia, takes its name from anexclusive group of young women who make the rounds of Washington's social circuit. The show will feature Katherine Kennedy and Krista Johnson, who are said to throw hot-ticket charity functions. REUTERS

Telemundo ratings ride Olympic wave

OLYMPICS COVERAGE NBCowned Hispanic broadcast network Telemundo's Summer Olympics coverage drew 12 million unique persons during the first 10 days of the Games, surpassing by 12 per cent the audience for its entire coverage

of the 2004 Athens Games. This is the second Olympics broadcast for Telemundo, and the network is offering 380 hours of exclusive coverage through its standard daily broadcast schedule. It's also offering coverage via its website OlimpiadasTelemundo.com. REUTERS

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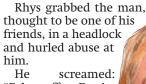
Actress Angie Harmon has confirmed she's pregnant just two weeks after her husband denied initial reports. Football star Jason Sehorn shot down the rumours they were expecting a third child. But now a representative for the pair has confirmed Harmon is pregnant. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Ifans spirals out of control at birthday

PARTY Rhys Ifans ruined his new girlfriend's birthday party earlier this week.

The hellraising actor was celebrating Kimberly Stewart turning 29 at a London club when he spotted a fellow reveller getting close to his lover.



"F--k off. Don't touch my bird! Let's take this outside, you think you're big man?"



ting Hill star — who is also the frontman of Welsh rock outfit The Peth — fell into a table and sent glasses smashing on the floor.

Ifans — who split from actress Sienna Miller earlier this year — was seen with a small mous-



dance floor. NEWS



Clooney buys fan a car

CRASH George Clooney bought a female fan a new car after damaging her vehi-

cle in an accident. The Ocean's Eleven star was driving Pennabilli, Italy when he shunted unnamed woman's car from behind. Clooney ac-

cepted blame for the incident and made the

generous gesture of giving her a brand new car.

When the woman went to collect her vehicle from the repair shop, she discovered the movie star had bought her a new replica of her Lancia Ypsilon model. And he had even left

her a note of apology on the windscreen, saying: "I'm so sorry.

Hope vou'll forgive me. George Clooney." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Allen won't say no to drugs

BAD PERSON Lily Allen doesn't told Paper magazine: "I'm know if she will stop taking drugs. The Smile singer,

who attempted to punch a passerby after leaving London nightspot this week, admits she isn't a "good person" when she is under the influence of illegal substances but still can't bring herself

not going to say I'm never going to do drugs again. I just know I'm not a good person on drugs."

However, she insists she did stop using recreational drugs after she discovered she was pregnant last November. Lily, who suffered a miscarriage in January, says she vowed to clean up her life for the sake of her unborn child.

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ACTING Batman star Christian Bale has put his

Horses made

Bale's career

successful acting career down to skills he learned riding horses. The actor is a keen horse rider and insists he has gained his most vital acting technique from the activity — confidence. He says, "I love horses. I've learned from them. Once you mas-

RUNNING A RED The other

driver involved in actor

crash has been cited for

running a red light and

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ers star in hospital with a

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celebrity brief "This makes **Driver cited in** no sense at LaBeouf crash all..."

by Joe O'Neill

o Nick Jonas and Selena Gomez are together, and we know this because sources are leaking Nick's online correspondence. Incidentally, how do they know such gems as, "I love your mouth and I love your smile" aren't just lyrics he's workshopping? Why am I wasting a second of my life thinking about this?

At least we now have some closure on the debate that has been raging on the Internet for the past month, which effectively divided legions of 'tweens into pro-Selena and pro-Miley Cyrus camps. The question as to the authenticity of this relationship will no doubt be played out in true celebrity tradition through a series of deconfirmations, nials, contradictions, hacked cellphone photo releases.

But the greater question to be considered involves Mickey Mouse as Matchmaker of Mammon. From Frankie and Annette to Britney and Justin through Zac and Vanessa, Disney entertainment properties have hooked up before, but never has the Golden Child, the perfect storm of profitability issued from said loins. Every time two people such as these youngsters get together, it is impossible not to consider that possibility, and that the birth of such a child could be considered a sign of the Apocalypse, or just a reason to destroy your television.

celebrity brief

to quit.

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Cyber love for Gomez and Jonas?

TEXT Selena Gomez and boyfriend Nick Ionas have taken their love online. The teens can't stop sending each other saucy e-mails and texts since hooking up earlier this

summer — and while the e-mails aren't X-rated, they drip with innuendo. "I love your mouth and I love your smile. It totally melts me," Nick, 15, wrote to Selena, 16.

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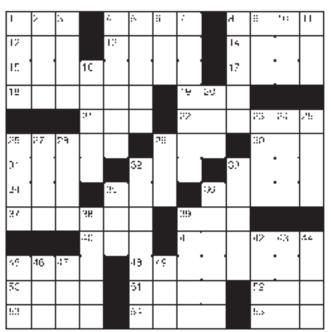




Not-so-smooth kiss

Jonathan Rhys Meyers was forced to halt filming on Match Point while kissing Scarlett Johansson — so that he could shave. She says, "Kissing him wasn't that bad, but he did have to stop and shave in the middle of a scene, even though he'd shaved that morning." METRO NEWS SERVICES





Crossword down

- 1 Undergoes recession
- 2 Body powder
- 3 Neighborhood
- 4 Planned in detail, with "out"
- 5 Ouzo flavoring
- 6 Hostel 7 Miraculous
- 8 Landscape, e.g.
- 9 Orbit segment
- 10 "Go, team!"
- 11 Past
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- 36 It's said to make you smile
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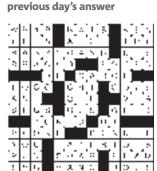
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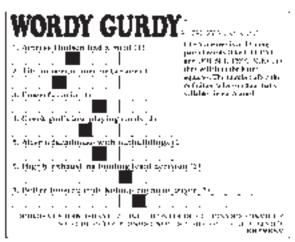
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Horoscopes

ARIES

 (Υ) **MARCH 21-APRIL 20** Mistaken identity causes confusing events. A sanitary problem ruins a good first impression. A fairy tale comes true.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

A bad situation can't last forever. A handy man avoids work due to exhaustion. A friendly enemy needs your support.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

You can make progress in a love affair. Tensions at work will dwindle. Someone's dreadful deeds will raise your spirits.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A talkative neighbour tries to pull a fast one. A woman goes for the throat in business. A joker will lose hope after making an unbelievable demand.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

(શ) Mechanical problems will slow vou down. Someone's plans are a sensitive issue. A shadowy

man should be avoided.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

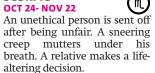
Your money holds the interest of a relative. Play it safe for the best outcome. An upset jerk has serious emotional problems.

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

AVATAR VENUS

Resistance is weakening but don't give in to your sweet tooth. You'll be asked to go out on the town. Something is causing emotional turmoil.

SCORPIO



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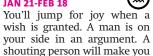


Don't be surprised when someone is late again. People won't hear you speaking the truth. Romantic events will come to a

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

A hero will be the first to pay for treats. A wimpy buddy wants to look you up. Don't be scared when a strange event oc-

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18



smile. **PISCES**

concern.

FEB 19-MAR 20 You'll discover a solution to a pesky problem. Don't show disdain for an untidy appearance. A buddy gives you cause for

Sudoku

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17-21..... Smart 25+..... Keep practising 21-25..... Not bad

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Afternoon

Partly cloudy. 19°

Tonight



Clear. Low 6°





Sunny. 23°/9°



Sunny. 26°/12°



Variable.

23°/8°



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